

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 298124

15

ORIGIN CU-03

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 USIA-06 /022 R

DRAFTED BY CU/EE:KSWILLIAMS

APPROVED BY CU/EE:SWISE

CU/EE:THUTSON (DRAFT)

CU/EE:WTPRYCE (DRAFT)

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

EUR/EE:HDUNLOP AND TDEAL; EUR/SOV:FNDEMARZO; USIA/ICS:DJOYCE;

CU/YSS:CABROWN

----- 091909

R 181911Z DEC 75

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

INFO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 298124

E.O. 11652:N/A

TAGS:OEXC, UR, PL (TOFFLER, ALVIN)

SUBJECT:PROPOSED AMSPEC GRANT FOR AUTHOR ALVIN TOFFLER

REFS: A) BUCHAREST 3492 (NOTAL), B) STATE 218423 (NOTAL)

1. CU/EE CONSIDERING AMSPEC GRANT FOR "FUTURE SHOCK" AUTHOR ALVIN TOFFLER. TOFFLER REQUESTED BY AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST FOR MAY SEVENTEEN THROUGH TWENTY-ONE TO DISCUSS FUTUROLOGY IN CONNECTION WITH EXHIBIT ON "U.S. IN THE YEAR 2000." TOFFLER WILLING TO EXTEND STAY THROUGH MAY THIRTY IF ADDRESSEE POSTS INTERESTED.

2. AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING COMMENT ON TOFFLER: "THE AUTHOR OF FUTURE SHOCK AND A NEW BOOK ON ECONOMICALLY-RELATED PROBLEMS, TOFFLER IS AN ARTICULATE, THOUGHTFUL AND CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKER WHOSE NAME AND WORKS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 298124

HAVE BECOME POPULARLY IDENTIFIED WITH THE FUTURIST MOVEMENT.

A VIVID THOROUGH AND PASSIONATE WRITER, TOFFLER MORE THAN ANY SINGLE WRITER IN THE FIELD HAS DESCRIBED CONTEMPORARY AND POSSIBLE FUTURE PROBLEMS (AND SOME SOLUTIONS) IN A WAY WHICH IS NOT ONLY INTELLIGIBLE TO MILLIONS OF LAYMEN AROUND THE WORLD BUT IN A FORM THAT HAS SPURRED THE FORMATION OF CITIZENS GROUPS DEALING WITH FUTURE OPTIONS. THE RESULT, EVEN IN THE EARLY STAGES, HAS BEEN TO OFFER EXPERTS A BROADER INTERNATIONAL FORUM IN WHICH TO DISCUSS THEIR IDEAS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENCOURAGING THE NON-EXPERT TO OFFER HIS THOUGHTS ON HOW FUTURE PLANNING CAN BE MORE COMPREHENSIVE, EFFICIENT AND HUMANE. IN SHORT, THE THRUST OF TOFFLER'S EFFORTS TOWARD PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY IN DECISION-FORMULATION REFLECT THE DYNAMICS OF AND FAITH IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN KEEPING WITH THIS TREND. ACTIVITIES AT THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT LEVELS INDICATE A GROWING AWARENESS AMONG LEGISLATORS TO DEVELOP MACHINERY TO MORE ACCURATELY STUDY THE FUTURE IMPLICATIONS OF GOVERNMENTAL DECISIONS.

3. "TOFFLER WAS BORN IN NEW YORK CITY ON OCTOBER FOUR, 1928, HAS B.A. FROM NYU AND HONORARY DEGREES FROM CINCINNATI, MIAMI AND RPI. FORMER ASSOCIATE EDITOR OF FORTUNE, PROFESSOR AT NEW SCHOOL FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH AND CORNELL. RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL BOOK AWARDS. AUTHOR OF THE

'CULTURAL CONSUMERS,' 'FUTURE SHOCK' AND EDITOR OF

'SCHOOLHOUSE IN TP CITY,' 'THE FUTURISTS' AND 'LEARNING FOR TOMORROW.' TOFFLER'S 'FUTURE SHOCK,' ONE OF THE MOST DISCUSSED BOOKS OF THE 1970'S, WAS TRANSLATED AND WIDELY-READ IN ROMANIAN AND HIS APPEARANCE LOCALLY WOULD ALLOW THE EMBASSY BROAD-RANGING, IN-DEPTH CONTACT WITH LEADING

INTELLECTUALS IN BOTH OFF-PREMISES AND AMERICAN LIBRARY PROGRAMS."

4. IN DISCUSSION WITH CU/EE, TOFFLER HAS INDICATED THAT ABOVE ALL HE IS INTERESTED IN INTERACTION WITH FOREIGN COUNTERPARTS AND WANTS TO LEARN AS WELL AS IMPART HIS OWN KNOWLEDGE. DEPARTMENT UNDERSCORED THAT THIS IS OUR AIM AS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 298124

WELL. MOREOVER, TOFFLER DESIRES TO USE PART OF HIS TIME IN USSR AND POLAND FOR SOME RESEARCH INVOLVING PRIMARILY INTERVIEWING OF COUNTERPARTS AND POSSIBLE FACTORY VISITS. TOFFLER ALSO INTERESTED IN CONTACTS WITH "UNDERGROUND" FUTUROLOGISTS AND MENTIONED SOVIET DISSIDENT AMALYRYK AS ILLUSTRATIVE NAME. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW

EMBASSY ADVICE ON THIS MATTER.

5. IN DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL TERMS OF POSSIBLE GRANT, TOFFLER EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WE COULD NOT COVER HIS WIFE WHO, HE SAID, IS HIS CO-WORKER AND ALWAYS TRAVELS WITH HIM. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT HIS PRESENT FINANCIAL CONDITION PLUS PROPOSED TERMS OF GRANT INCLUDING DOLS 50 PER DAY

HONORARIUM WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER BOTH. BUT HE WANTED US TO UNDERSTAND THAT HIS WIFE IS TOTALLY INVOLVED IN HIS WORK AND IS INCLUDED IN ALL HIS PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS

6. TOFFLER NOTED THAT "FUTURE SHOCK" HAD BEEN PUBLISHED IN POLISH, HUNGARIAN, RUSSIAN AND POSSIBLY SERBO-CROATIAN. PORTIONS OF BOOK ALSO PUBLISHED IN RUSSIAN AND POLISH EDITIONS OF "AMERIKA" MAGAZINE. TOFFLER VERY INTERESTED IN RECEIVING ANY EASTERN EUROPEAN REVIEWS OF HIS WORKS PRIOR TO MAKING VISIT. CAN EMBASSY HELP?

7. AS TOFFLER IS BUSY LECTURER AND NEEDS CONSIDERABLE

LEAD TIME FOR ADVANCE SCHEDULING, CU/EE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE SOONEST. KISSINGER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 DEC 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: ShawDG
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE298124
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: KSWILLIAMS
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750441-0211
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751230/aaaabalo.tel
Line Count: 137
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN CU
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 BUCHAREST 3492
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ShawDG
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUN 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUN 2003 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <21 OCT 2003 by greeneet>; APPROVED <21 OCT 2003 by ShawDG>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ROPOSED AMSPEC GRANT FOR AUTHOR ALVIN TOFFLER
TAGS: OEXC, UR, PL, (TOFFLER, ALVIN)
To: MOSCOW WARSAW
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006